



**Executive Order No. 019
Series of 2020**

**PRESCRIBING LOCAL GUIDELINES IN LIGHT OF THE DECLARED ENHANCED COMMUNITY
QUARANTINE OVER THE ENTIRE LUZON AND GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AND ENHANCING PRECAUTIONARY AND SAFETY MEASURES
IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COVID-19 IN THE CITY OF BATAC**

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article 2 of the 1987 Constitution provides that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and still health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines was declared by President Rodrigo R. Duterte through Proclamation No. 922 dated March 8, 2020, confirming the local transmission of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc has issued E.O 60-20, placing the Province of Ilocos Norte under General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has declared Enhanced Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon on March 16, 2020 following the sharp increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the country;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ALBERT D. CHUA, Mayor of City of Batac, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the implementation of herein local Guidelines in light of the declared enhanced Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon and general community quarantine in the Province of Ilocos Norte and enhancing Precautionary and Safety Measures against the Corona Virus Infectious Disease (COVID-19) in the City of Batac, to wit:

Section 1. **CONTINUED INTERNAL PRECAUTIONARY AND SELF PREVENTIVE MEASURES.** The City and Barangay Governments, including other public and private institutions and organizations shall adopt precautionary measures such as but not limited to the following:

1. Temporary suspension of flag raisings and retreats ceremonies and other similar activities;
2. Establishment of strategic entry and exit points and conduct of temperature or thermal scanning of persons as far as practicable upon entering in their respective offices or establishments;
3. Employees are directed to maintain cleanliness in their respective areas or offices. Hand sanitizers should be made available for clients and for personal use. Practice of regular handwashing by using soap and water must be encouraged;
4. Suspension of Bio-Metrics system and other similar mechanisms that may cause possible spread of the virus;





5. Transactions with the government requiring personal appearance shall be minimized if not restricted. Access to verification and follow ups with departments or offices may be performed via phone or email to be responded by personnel on skeletal work force.
6. Foreign and local travels of officials and functionaries outside the province by LGU personnel shall be restricted;
7. All employees who have fever and flu-like symptoms are prohibited to report for work and shall seek medical consultation and submit a certificate from the City Health Office reporting back to work.

Section 2. **STRICTER HOME AND SELF QUARANTINE AND IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF RETURNING MEMBERS OR VISITORS ARRIVALS BY HOUSEHOLD HEADS.** In light of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, movements of all household members are restricted and shall be limited only to accessing basic necessities, provision for food and essential health services which shall be subject to regulation by the city government. PNP Personnel, City COVID-19 Task Force, Punong Barangays, shall strictly enforce the quarantine mechanism and procedures.

All returning family members and visitors or transients who have traveled from countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases, including Metro Manila and provinces outside Ilocos Norte, shall observe a 14-day Mandatory Self-quarantine period with the following measures:

1. Stay at home except when getting medical care;
2. Separate yourself from other people in your home;
3. Avoid sharing household items;
4. Wash hands with water and soap at least 20 seconds and/or sanitize with alcohol;
5. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing using a tissue or in the absence of a tissue paper, one must cover the mouth and nose with his or her elbow pit;
6. Wear a face mask and avoid touching any part of the face;
7. Monitor presence of symptoms;
8. Inform the BHERT if COVID-19 infection symptoms manifest.

Household Heads are required to report and register their Returning Family Members, Visitors and Transients upon arrival, with the Barangay Health Emergency and Response Team (BHERT) for monitoring purposes pursuant to RA 11332 otherwise known as "Law on Mandatory Reporting Communicable Disease".

Section 3. **SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND PROHIBITION OF CONDUCT OF PUBLIC OR MASS GATHERINGS.**

1. Classes and all school activities in all levels both private and public in the City of Batac shall be suspended until April 14, 2020. Appropriate coping mechanism guidelines or policies for those affected sectors may be issued by the Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education respectively;





2. The Philippine National Police and other law enforcement authorities shall strictly implement the Anti-Truancy City Ordinance to ensure that students shall remain in their homes during the duration of above said suspensions;
3. Conduct of Mass gatherings, and holding of crowded events within the city shall be prohibited while public health emergency is in place.

Section 4. **STRINGENT SOCIAL DISTANCING.** Official and essential work related meetings and religious activities are allowed so long a strict social distancing, defined as the strict maintenance of distance of at least one (1) meter radius between and among those attending is maintained during the entirety of the event. Allowed transportation or vehicles carrying persons shall likewise observe social distancing while on travel.

Section 5. **SANITATION PRACTICES.** The City Government and Barangay Government shall spearhead together with private businesses and organizations the conduct of disinfecting or other forms of sanitation activities in all government offices, community centers, churches, chapels, markets terminals, including public transportation vehicles such as buses, jeepneys and tricycles;

Section 6. **ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY ENTRY AND EXIT CHECKPOINTS.** Checkpoints in all entry and exit points in the barangays shall be established to be manned by Barangay Officials, BHERT and Tanods. Entry and exits of persons shall be restricted except to the following: (1) all duly identified residents of the barangay; (2) health workers responding to emergency; (3) members of the PNP, BFP and AFP; (4) persons travelling for urgent medical reasons; and (5) persons transporting essential goods and supplies and medicines.

BHERTs shall take simple profiling of persons coming from or traveled from countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases, including Metro Manila and provinces outside Ilocos Norte.

Punong Barangays shall be responsible in ensuring that All Persons under Monitoring (PUM) who are on self-quarantine at home or in a facility for the purpose are restricted from loitering outside their areas. BHERT shall report with the Philippine National Police and the other concerned authorities violators of The Revised Penal Code, the Curfew Ordinance and other applicable laws for apprehension and filing of appropriate case thereto.

Section 7. **REGULATED BUSINESS OPERATIONS.** As provided in the Enhanced Community Quarantine declared by President Rodrigo Duterte, ONLY those private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production such as public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparations and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities shall be OPEN;





The city government and Barangay Officials shall institute necessary mechanisms as deemed necessary for the access and distribution of food supplies and other basic commodities or necessities of the public.

Section 8. SUSPENSION OF MASS PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES OPERATIONS. In compliance with the enhanced Community Quarantine as declared by President Rodrigo Duterte, to ensure containment or prevent spread of the COVID-19, Mass and Public Transport Facilities such as public utility buses, jeepneys, tricycles, pedicabs, shall be temporarily suspended until further lifted.

Private cars will be allowed but only for certain cases like going to buy necessities and for people like medical front liners and government workers on official business and in relation with Section 7 of this order.

Section 9. SKELETAL WORKFORCE. The city government shall maintain its skeletal workforce to attend its necessary services and to support national government operations. Management of respective private establishments shall likewise encourage to adopt skeletal workforce to minimize or limit exposure of their personnel from costumers or clients. Strict social distancing shall be likewise instituted within the premises of establishments.

Section 10. ACCESS TO FUNDS. Sangguniang Barangays may access and utilize their 30% Quick Reaction Fund (QRF) of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund upon declaration of state of calamity in the city to support operations of the BHERT and other necessary response activities and logistics subject to accounting rules and procedures.

Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All executive orders, rules, regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.


ALBERT D. CHUA
City Mayor

